

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Malignant hyperthermia is a genetic disorder that may cause death, brain damage, or serious side effects when a susceptible patient is exposed to certain types of common anesthetics; and,

Whereas, The people of South Dakota would greatly benefit from becoming aware of the signs of the little known disorder, malignant hyperthermia; and,

Whereas, Malignant hyperthermia is a genetic disorder that affects entire families in South Dakota and other states; and,

Whereas, Educating the public about malignant hyperthermia may prevent the serious results that can occur from this illness; and,

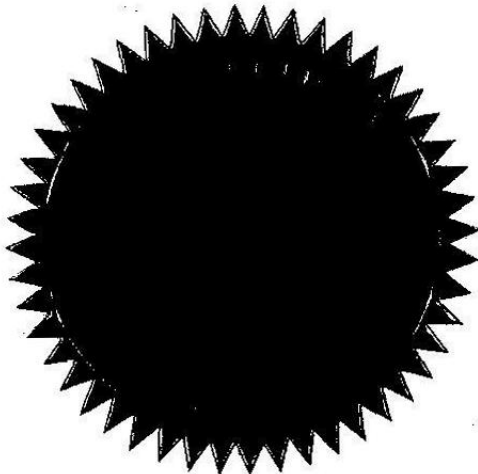
Whereas, Malignant hyperthermia month will encourage all South Dakota citizens to ask their surgeons and anesthesiologists the right questions before they have surgery; and,

Whereas, This recognition is an opportunity for government to work together with families, surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses, and physicians assistants for a healthy and medically aware South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2004, as

MALIGNANT HYPERTHERMIA MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to join in this observance.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State